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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) NOW Available- Get Free Help at College Goal Alaska

(ANCHORAGE) –Beginning in early October, financial aid experts are volunteering at locations throughout Alaska to help college-bound students and their families open the door to financial aid during the 14th annual College Goal Alaska (CGA).

The free program, coordinated by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE), assists Alaska students in filing the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships, and low-cost loans at most colleges and vocational/technical schools nationwide. Some aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, making early filing particularly important.

Rebekah Matrosova, Director of Outreach for ACPE, says she hopes Alaskans will take advantage of one of the many events hosted throughout the state by volunteers from Alaska's postsecondary institutions, schools, and other organizations. *"All students, regardless of financial status, should complete the FAFSA as early as possible, to learn what aid they may qualify for. If you're considering training or college for the fall of 2018, now is the time to apply for financial aid."*

What students and parents should bring:

Most students should attend CGA with their parents, and bring their and their parents' social security number, driver's license or alien registration card, 2016 tax information, and 2016 untaxed income records. Students who are married, or at least 24 years old, do not need to provide parental information. Prior to attending a CGA event, students can go to fsaid.ed.gov and apply for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSAID). Students and their parents need an FSAID to electronically sign the FAFSA.

For CGA dates and times visit www.collegegoalak.org.

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